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Photo by Mark Arike

**CATCH THE CURE:** Brandy and John Leishman hold up their Catch the Cure T-shirts. See story and photos on page 23.

## Red Hawks basketball team wins title

**By Alex Coop**

With files from Gordon Cochrane

Thanks to some strong defence and last-minute heroics, the Kawartha West conference basketball title belongs to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS).

The Red Hawks traveled to I.E. Weldon School in Lindsay last Thursday to play their final Kawartha West conference game. Each team had a 6-1 record.

Weldon's one loss of the season came at the hands of HHSS. Their 44-42 loss last week, however, cost them the conference championship.

Despite a strong start, HHSS couldn't build on its 15-8 first quarter lead and found themselves ahead only 24-20 at halftime.

The gap never got bigger. Weldon, a triple-A category school with a population of more than 1,000, trailed 36-35 with only minutes remaining.

Red Hawk Jalen Campbell's last of three steals in the final moments sealed the game for HHSS.

The Red Hawks had a season-high 15 steals and committed only four turnovers. Forward Caleb Schmidt led the offensive charge with 14 points and went eight for 10 from the free throw line. He also had five steals. Nick Thompson pitched in with 13 points and eight rebounds.

Solid three-point shooting – the team went three-for-four from three-point land

— made the Red Hawk's lives a little easier as well.

Red Hawks head coach Dave Waito said the team's 15 steals provided them with a boost.

The school's next game will be on Feb. 23 against the Kawartha East champion, who has yet to be determined.

HHSS will host the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletic Championships on Feb. 25.

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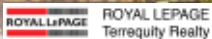
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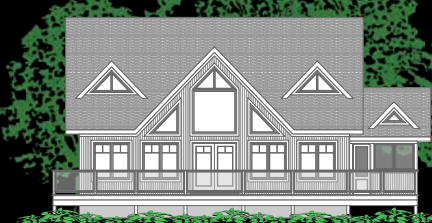
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Photo by Mark Arike

Little remains of a Mercedes after a fire that spread to a cottage on Redkenn Drive in Haliburton. A propane fish hut heater caused the blaze.

## Propane heater sparks car and cottage fire

**By Mark Arike**  
Staff writer

Careless use of a fish hut propane heater is to blame for a fire that destroyed a Mercedes and damaged a nearby cottage.

Fifteen Dysart firefighters battled the blaze at 1954 Redkenn Drive, just a few kilometres from Haliburton Forest's Wolf Centre, on Feb. 14. The 2012 ML 350 was on fire when they arrived in the early afternoon. The flames then spread to the building.

"The fire burned up the outside wall and broke a window to [the] loft bedroom," said Dysart fire Chief Miles Maughan.

According to Maughan, the owner, Jim Gilles, set up the

heater and then went inside. It first caught the front of the car on fire.

The total damage is estimated at \$100,000 (\$70,000 for the building and \$30,000 for the car).

Maughan said he believes insurance will cover the damages.

He advises the public to put safety first and ensure they are using equipment properly.

"As with most activities, use the proper tools or equipment and always stay at your job. Almost all heaters require a clearance around them when working and when in use the person should be aware of these clearances, not always the same from appliance to appliance," said Maughan.

It was the second cottage fire on Redkenn this winter. Another cottage was destroyed by fire in December.

## Hearing begins for cardiologist Hughes

**By Sue Tiffin**  
Staff writer

A misconduct hearing for Peterborough cardiologist Bill Hughes has been adjourned until March.

Hughes, accused of incompetence and professional misconduct, is facing the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario's (CPSO) discipline committee. The first hearing took place last week at the college offices in Toronto.

Dr. David Massel, a Victoria cardiologist, was the only witness for the prosecution.

He testified that Hughes saw too many patients, up to 80 a day, kept sloppy records, and in at least one case misdiagnosed a woman with a heart murmur who later died.

"I would have thought it would be impossible to see 75

patients in a day ... I don't think you can give patients the proper care and attention that they deserve," Massel told the committee, saying Hughes saw as many patients in a day as he saw in a week.

In addition, Massel testified, about 75 per cent of the tests ordered by Hughes were unnecessary, especially since there is no evidence he did physical examinations of his patients beforehand.

Beyond the allegations of incompetence and/or failing to maintain the standard of practice of the profession, the college also says Hughes engaged in disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional conduct, including in his referrals of patients for diagnostic testing.

A panel of doctors and members of the public will determine if Hughes is guilty of the allegations after testimony from investigators and arguments from Hughes's defence.

If it finds Hughes guilty of professional misconduct or incompetence, he could have his licence revoked. Alternative penalties include a fine up to \$35,000 and restrictions on his licence.

Hughes practices in Peterborough at the Kawartha Cardiology Clinic, and made headlines several years ago when a government minister leaked the fact that he was Ontario's highest-billing physician to *The Globe and Mail*. Highlands residents needing a cardiologist are often referred to him by their family doctors.

The hearings will continue from March 7-11, March 21-22, April 11-15 and April 25-26. Hughes is expected to take the stand in March. The hearings are open to the public.



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# Highlander news

## Highlands Environmental looks at garbage compacting for Minden

By Alex Coop  
Staff writer

Highlands Environmental wants to run a pilot project involving bin compaction to help Minden Hills Township save money.

Brigitte Gall and Paul Barclay of Highlands Environmental approached council last Thursday with the proposal. If implemented, it could help save \$30,790 in transport fees, Gall said.

Minden Hills spent \$71,880 in those fees in 2015.

"Over the holidays, we saw an increase of material come into the recycling bins," Gall said.

"That increase also creates an increase in bin transfers, and that transport fee is significant."

The compaction ratio for cardboard and other fibres is 3:1. For plastic and glass, the ratio decreases slightly to 2:1.

She pointed out the township's transport fees are based on the number of bins, not the weight of each bin.

"It doesn't matter how much is in that bin, so that's why we're suggesting we try and jam as much in as we can into each bin, so we can make less trips," she said.

The fee for bins containing cardboard and fibres is \$160, and \$180 for bins with glass and plastic.

The pilot project only requires a boom truck and a one-tonne custom-built metal slab.

Highlands Environmental recently purchased a boom truck for \$4,000.

Dave Roylance, the company's co-owner, said he's confident the project will get the green light.

"That's \$30,000 we're talking about, and



Photo submitted

Highlands Environmental is pushing for a new pilot project involving garbage compacting.

that's on the conservative side," he said.

Gall told councillors compacting is a regular part of landfill operations.

Until now, landfill staff has been compacting garbage with a backhoe and the occasional stomp.

"We're not reinventing the wheel or doing something other municipalities aren't doing already," she said.

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin said the logic is sound.

"Philosophically, the idea of compacting to save money won't get any argument from here."

But he suggested staff put together additional reports on potential financial benefits.

"Let's just see if we're on the same page," he said.

The proposed time frame for the project

would be from March to August, 2016. Gall said the idea is to transition into busier periods after studying March, April and May.

"This would give the municipality an opportunity to understand those shoulder seasons," she said.

Councillor Pam Sayne asked if compacting would affect the day-to-day landfill duties at BFI Canada - Progressive Waste Solutions in Bracebridge, where waste continues to be sorted once it's transported from Minden.

Barclay said BFI receives product from multiple municipalities and Minden's compacted garbage would not affect that process.

Highlands Environmental has been overseeing landfill services in Minden Hills since replacing Watson General Contracting last September.

## DeBruin saves dog, scratches race

By Sue Tiffin  
Staff writer

Haliburton musher Hank DeBruin was forced to scratch from the 2016 Yukon Quest race due to challenging conditions and an emergency health crisis for one of his dogs.

DeBruin was the second musher to scratch from this year's 1,000 mile race from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Whitehorse, Yukon. DeBruin's decision was made for "the morale and health of his team," according to a media advisory from race organizers.

DeBruin's team struggled with brutal weather conditions including whiteouts. Just two days into the race, on Feb. 8, DeBruin called for emergency help when one of his dogs, Charlie, unexpectedly collapsed.

"The race rules clearly say if you activate your tracker, you are disqualified from the race as you are asking for outside assistance," wrote Tanya McCready, DeBruin's wife, on social media. "Hank knew that when he pushed it and knew he was ending his race. It didn't matter, if it would help save Charlie."

McCready said the wait for a snowmobile rescue felt like an eternity.

"I kept thinking of everything that could have gone wrong, afraid of what I was about to see," she wrote. "For Hank to go to these extremes meant things were really bad."

Charlie was immediately helped by an emergency vet at the race who said the dog would make a full recovery.

DeBruin was not penalized or disqualified because the race marshal said his quick action helped save Charlie's life.

"While our team will not reach the finish line this year, it is not because Hank made the choice to save Charlie," said McCready. "The Yukon Quest ... with this decision, proved that they mean it when they say, 'It is truly all about the dogs.'"

DeBruin opted to scratch from the race on Feb. 11 in Eagle, population 115, which is about a third of the way into the race and is accessible in winter only by air, snow machine or dog team.

"The race didn't end the way

we had planned, but there is no doubt Hank and the team gave it their all, and that is all anyone can do," wrote McCready.

Alaskan Hugh Neff won the race on Feb. 15, his second victory.

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# Editorial opinion

## A rare community for a rare disorder

For the third year in a row, this community has shown more support and awareness of International Angelman Day than any other place in the entire world.

Not many small towns have three people with Angelman Syndrome (AS) living just 17 km from each other.

Rather, most people living with the rare disorder are alone in their town. Ideally they are embraced by their peers and nurtured by their teachers, but it is unlikely that an entire town comes together to celebrate them.

Minden does that and more for our children - for my daughter, Harper, and for my friends, Tecwyn and Tathan McCutcheon.

We all know our community is giving beyond belief. We've seen what happens when a family loses a home, or a child, or even when someone drives into the ditch.

Let's be honest, it's not always easy to live in this county with a young family. Especially a family that would benefit from daily therapy sessions that are unavailable here. Or a family that needs resources and treatments that are located an hour away at best, or that are unexpectedly required in the middle of the night.

But we choose to live here.

We think this town gets it. We think this town sees our kids and doesn't pity our families for having visible challenges, but instead wants to learn more about what our kids face. We think this town is eager to be involved in making a difference.

When we go to the hospital, the doctors and nurses have researched AS because they know we could be in during their shift. Teachers at school and daycare presume competence and include our kids. When we announce another Catch the Cure event, businesses that already donate so much reach out to us, as do volunteers who spend that entire day on their feet.

Minden then takes that spirit even further.

Despite frigid weather, there were guests - hundreds and hundreds of passionate guests.

There were friends and family and seasonal residents and even a few

snowmobilers.

There was the paramedic who once cared for Harper after a seizure, and the new physiotherapist from Five Counties alongside neighbours and tourists. Local kids are growing up to learn more about neurodiversity than most of us did. They joined school staff from around the county to introduce a hockey game to the event highlights.

The OPP officers who volunteered to referee that game surprised us with pucks decorated with a decal of the charity we support, donated by local businesses. Posters decorated by classmates applauded our kids and reminded people that Tecwyn, Tathan and Harper might seem different on the surface, but deserve respect, understanding and friendship like anyone else.

People with AS came from Muskoka and Ottawa. A family member of a Chicago man with AS came from North Bay. They were all astounded by the efforts of our community to do something good. As are we - every year, and every day.

The town's enthusiasm is amazing. The AS community takes notice. People throughout Canada, the U.S. and even Australia have thanked Minden for the message this town and the people in it are sending. To date, Minden has raised more than \$44,000 for the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics.

And there is new progress in the search for answers. Two clinical trials are happening this year. Six pharmaceutical companies are now working on a therapy for this single-gene disorder. Scientists say we are within a few years of a cure with which our kids might be able to speak. And knowing that, how marvelous is it that our families are most filled with hope because of the love from our town?

Thank you, Minden. It's absolutely an honour to live this life here.



By Sue Tiffin

## The ache at the corner

It would be instructive for Minden council to share its vision for the future of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre before it starts hacking away chunks of its operating budget.

At least that is the plan, according to a proposal from Reeve Brent Devolin: to dock \$50,000 of the Centre's budget this year and another \$50,000 next year. That eliminates just under a third of the proposed budget for 2016 of \$340,000. If council follows through on Reeve Devolin's proposal it could severely impair the operation of the centre.

The reeve and several members of council did have a concept for the future of the centre going into the last municipal election. Asked to comment on his vision of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre back in the summer of 2014, when he was a candidate for the position he now holds, Reeve Devolin had this to say:

"The four acres known as the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, is a beautiful municipal asset that houses a library, gallery, museum, and a natures facility. For those of you that have not explored all aspects of the property, I encourage you to do so. This collection of attractions is the culmination of years of volunteers, council and staff time and effort to have the gem that we enjoy today.

"Minden Hills Council should re-engage many of the original stakeholders that created these assets and together with their efforts, chart the next chapter of development within our downtown strategy. The linkage of these assets to the Boardwalk, Riverwalk and perhaps in the future Rotary Park Trail will bring cohesiveness to our in-town attractions. Increased signage and social media presence can all work to grow the numbers of people that visit these attractions each year. I am confident that collectively we can continue to grow the vision that Minden Hills Cultural Centre represents in our town."

A very supportive and laudatory statement of what the centre means to those who helped create the facility and a promising vision of what the centre could become. Of course, it is often easy to speak of grand visions, especially in the heat of an election campaign. I for one do not mind if politicians change their minds, if the change of course is supported with a new rationale.

At the moment the only driver behind the proposed cuts appears to be the need to find \$100,000 over the next two years, and

where can it be found as expeditiously as possible. At the pre-budget meeting on

Tuesday of this week, there was reference to spiralling costs compared to other facilities. It is worth noting that rarely do culture and heritage facilities return big financial rewards. Rather, as some have pointed out, the presence of these facilities support other elements in the local economy.

If other departments within the municipality have been asked to give up a third of their budgets over the next two years, that news hasn't reached my ears. And, I don't recall the Cultural Centre Advisory Committee being consulted at all before the proposed cuts were announced. The committee, composed mainly of volunteers interested in the future of the centre, was reinvigorated after the last election. There were promises of openness and collaboration and, with a new council in place, things would be different. It must be disheartening for the members of the committee, who, it is my understanding, had no idea that the call for a 15 per cent cut was about to made. Getting some advice from the advisory committee on how this might be managed could have been helpful, although, I imagine, many members would have suggested that the cuts were "too much-too quickly" to be absorbed by the cultural centre.

If the cuts are approved, and I have seen no indication that they won't be, the consequences will not be pretty. The centre's proposed 2016 budget doesn't give council much room to manoeuvre, especially when the first year's cuts will have to take into consideration more cuts again next year. The Cultural Centre will emerge from this process a mere shadow of itself when the dust settles and, if it survives at all, it will likely be several years before it finds its footing again.

As Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch noted during the last election campaign, "Minden Hills Cultural Centre is a 'unique corner' of the township. The art gallery, museum and Nature's Place will help to make Minden Hills a destination."

We can only hope that will continue to be the case.



By Jack Brezina

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## We will miss you, Sue!

Long-time staff writer Sue Tiffin will be leaving *The Highlander* this week. Sue's reporting and feature stories were appreciated by the community and her colleagues alike and her postings on social media helped bring *The Highlander* to the top spot in less than a year. She has a talent for knowing what matters to people and for making their voices come through on the page. We wish Sue and her family all the best and thank her for her work and dedication to the paper.

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# Editorial opinion

## Heard that before...

Dear editor,

In 1985, Roy Brohm, former reeve of Dysart et al, noticed that old fashioned cottaging was diminishing.

Haliburton's main source of income, he predicted, would soon be permanent residents, predominately seniors.

I remember him saying in his own words, "now we have to create a quality of life for the retirees, who will flock to our area."

At that time, his prediction was not taken seriously by anyone.

L. Dobrzensky  
Haliburton

## My regrets

Dear editor,

In my letter last week, I made reference to roads employees working four days per week and getting paid for five in lieu of accrued overtime during the winter months.

Unfortunately, my information was incorrect and I apologize for such. The roads crew works a 10-hour day for four days due to longer daylight hours. Any accrued overtime during the winter months can total 80 hours and be taken as holidays, however any overtime above 80 hours will be paid.

As for all other comments made by me, I stand by them and feel they are pertinent and rational. I hope Highlands East ratepayers will take action against more patronage offerings which seem to be the norm for this institution.

Beverly MacDuff  
Gooderham

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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo by Ted Vasey

An ice hut falling through a 300-yard breaker near Puffer Island.

## Ballsy weather, eh!

Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey, eh!

Do you guys get my drift when I say that?

Not the 'eh' bit. I know you get that because you throw it around with great abandon, tacking it onto almost every utterance that you speak. But do you get the brass monkey? Have you come across him before?

I ask because I commented about the ridiculously frigid weather last weekend on that most banal of communication tools (Facebook) recently and in it, I referred to the aforementioned brass monkey and his dangly bits.

While my friends from Blighty all got the reference, a Canadian buddy asked whether brass monkey was some kind of English code. For what I cannot begin to imagine, but thankfully she had the foresight to Google brass monkeys and as such I didn't have to get into some protracted discussion about why I had made reference to the testicles of a metallic primate!

That said, and putting the monkey's private parts gently aside, what a couple of weeks of weather we've had! First, it's almost in the double digit pluses and raining cats and dogs (does it rain like that here, or should I be using more some colloquialism that refers to

raccoons and beavers?) and then it plunges to lows so low my dear old mum accused me of fibbing when we spoke on the phone.

"Nooo, I don't believe you." That's what she said.

"It's true, mum. When I looked at the thermometer this morning the temperature read -38 degrees. And then you have to add wind chill!"

Silence on the other end of the line and then, "no, you're having me on." That's my mum's version of you're kidding me.

"I am not. The weather is crazy at the moment ..."

And so the conversation went on, about the weather. Yep, a mother and son separated by an entire ocean, not having spoken to each other for a couple of weeks, not having seen each other for almost a year and the most important topic of conversation, it seems, was the weather.

Ah, but we are English. And the English are renowned for talking about the weather because believe it or not, (and contrary to how you guys believe it rains there all the time) the weather in England is constantly changing, making for great conversation. And so it has been in our part of Canada this year. Gone are the weeks of crisp cold days with glorious

blue skies and starry clear nights, interspersed by the odd dump of snow.

Damn it, I hate that word, 'dump', when talking about snow, don't you? Snow doesn't dump, it drifts, swirls, falls, floats, blows, even cascades or blizzards (don't think that last one is technically a word but you get my drift. Ha! Drift, get it?).

Snow is mystical, ethereal in its lightness, magical in how it transforms a landscape. Oh, but I'm losing my train of thought here. Yes, the blue skies, starry nights, the entire land dusted in white for weeks on end, that's Canadian weather. But not this year. This year you don't know what you're gonna get from day to day, even hour to hour and everyone's talking about it, constantly. So much so that it almost makes me home sick.

But then again, in this country, so much larger than my homeland, the weather has to be a bit more dramatic doesn't it? Whereas back in Blighty they bemoan rainstorms, here we are besieged by giant 'dumps' of snow. While a cold snap over there is -5 degrees Celsius, here that temperature is positively balmy at any time between December and May! And, while my mum shudders at the thought of -10 degrees, we don't get too excited until the mercury drops to below -30.

And still the conversation continued.

"Yep, and we had freezing rain in the week, too."

"But surely, that's snow, isn't it? Just stop having me on, you cheeky devil."

"No, mum, freezing rain's a lot worse than snow. Snow's easy to drive in, freezing rain's horrid."

"Now I know you're kidding because who would ever want to drive in snow? I've seen what a mess it makes of the roads here; the double decker buses can't get up the hills, cars slide all over ..."

We argued about the weather and then laughed about spending so much time talking about it and that's when I was reminded about the monkey's genitalia because it was my mum who said in summation.

"Well, it sounds cold enough to freeze the ball off a brass monkey."

"Mum!" I said, in mock shock. She giggled and we said our good byes. Then, I snickered and thanked my lucky stars that she didn't know that saying about it being colder than a witch's #@%!

## The Outsider



By Will Jones



# Highlander opinions

## Eye on the street: *How important are thrift stores to our community?*



**Ashley Woodcock**

Bancroft

They're okay, I think. A lot of people don't have money to get brand new stuff.



**Brenda Nicholson**

Gooderham

They're good. Lots of people need them.



**Jen Nesbitt**

Minden

I think they need to be bigger. I find they have a lot of stuff, they just can't put it out.



**Maureen Adams**

Haliburton

I think they're great. They're affordable for books and supplies. I use them all the time for books.



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## Cook It Up a special experience

*Dear editor,*

Jim and I participated in Cook It Up last week and are glad we put it on our calendar. We want you all to know this is a special experience. These are some of the reasons why.

The food was healthy, tasty and was presented to make everything seem extra special. The selection of drinks was excellent and our server made the entire experience personable.

The appetizers were well chosen and flavourful. We commented on what a great idea the spaghetti soup was. It was inspirational because it wasn't attempting to be haute cuisine and made us think we should try this at home. We enjoyed the creative names for the double tomato bruschetta and steamy spaghetti soup.

We really appreciated that we could keep checking our placemats to see exactly what we were eating. The placemats were an important part of the experience and were really well done.

On to the entrée: super presentation, tasty rice, and excellent stuffed meatballs. The only improvement would have been if Baked and Battered

had knives with serrated edges to cut the meatballs more easily. Really didn't matter if the knives were not up to the job; fingers got the job done and that's all that counts!

We rarely order dessert, so we were quite impressed. It was great to look at and even better to eat. Yet not so caloric as to make one feel guilty – how cool is that? We can only imagine how challenging it would be to work together to plan and execute a meal for the public. Perhaps we all should have this experience just to learn to work together. Kudos to all involved.

Most importantly, and the reason for this letter, is to let all of you know that, once again, we found Cook It Up to be far more than a great meal. It's a great learning experience for the trainees.

It is an amazingly friendly local experience, which is rarely found when going for a typical meal out. For certain, it was a highlight for us last year. The atmosphere where people are invited to sit with other people (with whom they did not come) is wonderful.

Each time we have gone, we have ended up sitting with someone we know of, but would probably never

make arrangements to go out to lunch with. It is a powerful way to allow small town culture to flourish and to actually promote it proudly. We thank you for modelling this atmosphere. In fact, we feel that other restaurants could copy this kind of table sharing.

We know that as tourists elsewhere, we find the kind of atmosphere we experience at Cook It Up to be the best kind of tourist advertising one could wish for. It causes word of mouth about an area and repeat tourist visits. Having the chef come out and interact with us is so powerful! Having all the people in the restaurant being outwardly friendly is time well spent and translates into good feelings and probably repeat business.

We want to thank all the trainees for demonstrating how capable they are. We want to thank everyone involved for making Cook It Up an exemplary experience. We are grateful that this is happening in the beautiful Haliburton Highlands.

*Bernie and Jim Davis*  
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# Highlander news

## Upcycling workshops teach art of renewal

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

A new program at the Thrift Warehouse will teach people how to breathe new life into defective furniture.

The process is called upcycling, an increasingly popular trend in North America, said Gena Robertson, executive director of Supportive Initiative for Residents in the County of Haliburton (SIRCH).

"We have lots of furniture coming in ... and with upcycling, you're turning old furniture into something people would want in their homes," Robertson said.

The creativity behind some of the repurposed designs is very impressive, said Cammy George, manager of the Thrift Warehouse.

"I've seen an old entertainment unit, which we get a lot of, turned into a little play kitchen for children with a little curtain and a stove," George said.

"Sometimes, they get turned into a small dog apartment. It's hilarious."

Last summer, SIRCH received a \$75,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant to put towards the pilot program, called Chic and Unique Furniture Upcycling.

The 12-week course will be led by Ron Kapitain, a Bancroft carpenter.

"Nowhere in North America, that we could find, exists an opportunity where you can take an upcycling course that is as in-depth as this," Robertson said.

In addition to upcycling, the eight to 12 registered participants (SIRCH is still going through applications) will be taught basic carpentry skills. With the help of Fleming College's employment centre, employment training, practice interviews and resume building will be incorporated as well.

A basic carpentry class will also be provided to residents in Bancroft, where a second Thrift Warehouse opened last year.

Robertson said the various training opportunities could make Haliburton a go-to place for upcycled furniture in south central Ontario.

"For us, it's another way to bring people into the county as a destination spot," she said.

"If this goes well, it could employ people and create a new business environment."

In the future, upcycled furniture could be sold at the warehouse or at local retailers, Robertson said.

"We have local retailers already interested," she said, adding the opportunity is there for items to be sold to outlets outside the county.

Increased awareness about conservation is also important, George said.

"We want people to think twice before throwing that cabinet into the garbage ... maybe take a look at it and see if there's anything else that can be done with it."

Mark Brohm, manager of the Dysart landfill, said furniture with potential is discarded on a daily basis.

"We get pieces in here every week that are usable and just need a little work or a paint



Photo by Alex Coop

Cammy George stands in the Thrift Warehouse where some of the upcycle workshops will take place. Certain parts of the workshops will be done off-site.

job," Brohm said.

Landfill staff often redirect people to the Thrift Warehouse, he said, but not everyone who drives through the gate gets the message.

"It's hard to catch everyone."

Last summer, the Thrift Warehouse

helped divert 30,000 tonnes of waste from the landfill, Robertson said. That includes e-waste, metal and various pieces of furniture.

Chic and Unique Furniture Upcycling will begin Feb. 29. Anyone interested in watching the workshops are welcome to do so.

## Minden Hills signs on to county broadband

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

On the heels of county council's recent broadband connectivity announcement, Minden Hills approved a request to enter into the project's 10-year agreement, which will give five township sites high-speed Internet access.

Mike March, manager of IT for the County of Haliburton, and county treasurer Elaine Taylor were at council last Thursday asking councillors to enter into the master services agreement with Bell Canada. The deal would provide 24 buildings across the

county, including libraries, arenas, and EMS buildings, with 100 megabits per second (Mbps) fibre service through Bell Canada.

In Minden, the arena, township office, cultural centre, Lutterworth roads garage and water treatment plant are to get the upgrades.

March said Bell is offering the county a substantial discount. One hundred Mbps of fibre from Bell usually costs \$1,100 per month, but the county will only pay \$475 under this deal.

County councillors approved the plan through a municipal broadband project led by the Eastern Ontario Regional Network at the

end of last month.

Bell was the only serious bidder for the project, March told councillors.

Minden Hills Township approved March's request and will reimburse the county its share of monthly fees.

"The more we increase the reach of fibre through the county, the more opportunities there will be for Bell and others to use it," said Reeve Brent Devolin.

This doesn't mean every resident and cottager is going to receive high-speed Internet, he said.

"This is just the first of many, many steps to

extending the reach of Internet."

Devolin added council did not have any say in establishing the parameters of the fibre extension.

During a county council session on Jan. 27, it voted to spend \$357,000 towards the expansion of fibre service to five sites. Out of that total, \$60,000 is for the Minden Library.

The cost of fibre per kilometre is approximately \$20,000.

The master services agreement allows businesses in a present contract with Bell to upgrade to the new services with no penalty.



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# Highlander news

## County in brief

### Family sets up online donation page after fire

By Alex Coop  
Staff writer

Anyone looking to make a donation to the McCauley family, who lost their farm in a fire last week, can donate to their gofundme page.

Dysart firefighters responded to a call at The Farm on 2311 Eagle Lake Rd last Wednesday. The main barn, located on the 100-acre property, was engulfed in flames by the time

firefighters arrived.

Dylan McCauley, son of The Farm's operations manager Lorrie McCauley, said a temporary shed has been built for the horses that were outside during the fire.

"Everything to do with the indoor riding arena was hit," he said.

Dysart fire Chief Miles Maughan estimated the damage to the property to be worth about \$250,000.

As of press time, the gofundme page has raised \$290.

Fire engineers said the fire was caused by an electrical problem.

The gofundme page can be accessed at [gofundme.com/thefarmbarnfire](http://gofundme.com/thefarmbarnfire).

### Charges laid in multiple break-ins

By Alex Coop  
Staff writer

Three men have been charged in relation to multiple break-ins in Minden Hills.

Joshua Warburton, 28, Derek Warburton, 59, and Donald Thrasher, 24, were charged

after Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police conducted a search warrant on Feb. 12.

Joshua was charged with break-and-enter, possession of property obtained by crime under and over \$5,000. Thrasher was charged with possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000, break-and-enter and mischief under \$5,000. Derek was charged with possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000.

All three men are from Minden.

They will appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on April 6.



Photo by Mark Arike

From left, Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin, Councillor Jeanne Anthon, Councillor Pam Sayne, Councillor Ron Nesbitt, Hailey Smith, Tanner Hamilton, Scot Hamilton, Councillor Lisa Schell and Mark Coleman, director of community services.

### Rink keeps Dawson's memory alive

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

The Dawson Hamilton Outdoor Memorial Rink in Minden is open to the public.

"It's an honour for our family to have a rink in Dawson's memory here, for all the kids to play and Dawson to look down on them," said Dawson's father, Scot Hamilton, during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Feb. 10.

"I'm sure he's smiling today."

The Minden boy was diagnosed with leukemia in 2005. After battling the cancer for five years, he passed away on Jan. 10, 2010, just two weeks shy of his 10th birthday.

Members of the community hosted various fundraisers after his death, including an annual hockey game where they raised \$5,000.

"We had money sitting in the [bank] account. We thought we'd better get on with

making it [the rink] happen," said Mark Coleman, director of community services for Minden Hills.

The township also secured a \$5,000 grant through Hydro One's PowerPlay program.

The modular rink measures 26-by-42-feet. It was purchased from Centre Ice Rinks in Mississauga.

"It's certainly durable and expandable in the future," said Coleman. "It seems a bit small now, but I think it's a great start."

Councillor Lisa Schell thanked Coleman and township staff for their contributions. Schell was involved with the fundraising efforts, along with Craig and Tammy Smith.

The rink, located on the ball diamond behind the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (weather permitting) until March 15.

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### Notice of Public Meeting

Take Notice, a Public Meeting will be held regarding the 2016 Draft Budget on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Newhook, Clerk at 705-286-1260 ext. 205 or email: [dnewhook@mindenhills.ca](mailto:dnewhook@mindenhills.ca)

### Meetings & Events

**February 25, 2016**

9:00 am, Regular Council Meeting, Council Chambers  
**Please Note: Public Meeting will be held for 2016 Draft Budget**

**March 10, 2016**

9:00 am, COTW Minden Council Chamber to be followed by a Special Council Meeting re: 2016 Budget approval.



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# Highlander business



## CHAMBER NEWS

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce is in the middle of delegations to each municipal council in Haliburton County. We are presenting our findings from recent round table discussions to inform council of the challenges, opportunities and next steps.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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## Cabins remain open at former Domain

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

It's been nearly four years since the Domain of Killien closed its doors.

But there are people who still inquire if the former inn is taking bookings.

"I still get people calling saying, 'where's the dining room?'" said Lynn Feagan, owner of Cabins at The Domain and former assistant general manager of the Domain.

In the summer of 2012, the property, located on Drag Lake in Haliburton, was purchased by Minden resident and chartered accountant Gary Thurston. For 25 years, Count Edouard de Moustier and his wife Agnes de Moustier ran the inn with the help of their two sons. Their family owned a domain in Brittany, France during the 13th century.

When Thurston purchased the property, he turned it into a private family residence "dedicated to protecting the environment and nature," according to the Cabins at The Domain website. The land is now known as the Thurston Wildlife and Forest Reserve.

The count and countess kept 500 acres of the 5,000-acre property for themselves.

When it changed hands, Feagan says Thurston gave her the opportunity to run her own cabin rental business.

"When it sold, I wondered what I'd do as far as a job," she said. "There was some discussion with the count and countess and the new owner. We met and they agreed to give me a shot at it."

She always loved the property, which is surrounded by forests, lakes and wildlife.

"You don't find properties like that anymore. It's a flashback to simpler times."

Feagan opened for business the following summer in 2013.

The lodge, which was home to the dining room and kitchen, is now the Thurstons' private family cottage. Cabins at The Domain consists of eight cabins, each of which have a



Photo by Regine Henry

The Old Ballroom at Cabins at the Domain.

view of the lake and are open to visitors from May 24 to Thanksgiving weekend. Feagan renovated an old staff house and turned it into a common room with a kitchen. Guests can also access a conference centre, which has a fireplace and small kitchen.

Each cabin has a barbeque, microwave, tea kettle and coffee machine. Feagan believes some of the buildings date back to the 1950s.

Perks of being on Thurston's property include access to about 50 km of hiking trails. Canoes and kayaks are also made available to guests. Motor boats are not permitted on the lake.

It's also less expensive to spend a night at the cabins than in previous years.

"I've just scaled it down," she said, joking that "it's a step above glam camping."

Feagan, a middle-aged woman, stays on-site in an apartment during the busy summer months.

This is the first time she has run her own businesses and admits there was a steep learning curve.

"I have gained so much experience from the experience."

She frequently called on family to help clean the cabins. Thurston's family also provides help with upkeep of the grounds. Feagan created the Cabins at The Domain website with the help of her nephew.

"I was basically doing it myself the first year with some help from my family. Now I have a housekeeper who's reliable, so things have moved along."

She is grateful for the support she has received, especially from the Thurstons.

"The Thurston family has been very generous with their advice and help," she said.

To learn more about this destination visit [cabinsatthedomain.com](http://cabinsatthedomain.com).

## HCDC a big contributor to local economy

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Several local businesses might not be around if it weren't for the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC). Since its inception 30 years ago, it has distributed \$65.6 million in loans and maintained or created 8,484 jobs.

HCDC is one of Ontario's 60 Community Futures Development Corporations (CFDCs), part of a federal program that supports regional development corporations across the province by providing loans to small and medium-sized businesses.

A recent report by the Conference Board of Canada highlights the economic impact in Ontario.

"We find that the program, which is meant to ease credit conditions for small and medium-sized businesses in rural communities, has significant economic clout," states *More Bang for the Buck - The Impact of CFDC Lending on*

*Ontario's Economy*.

Patti Tallman, assistant director of the HCDC, said it is difficult to borrow money from a bank without a financial track record. That's when HCDC is able to help.

"Some people wouldn't have the capacity to start a business with the personal equity that they would have," said Tallman. "That's the reason these [development corporations] are put in small communities across the province of Ontario."

For the past five years, HCDC has maintained the largest loan portfolio of all CFDCs, which is now \$14 million. Last year, it granted 88 loans totalling \$4 million.

The economic activity from those loans between 2009 and 2014 is estimated at more than \$99 million.

The program has proven far more effective than other measures taken by Ottawa and Queen's Park. Each job created in the series of grants and loans to the automotive sector over the

past decade has cost in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"Of all the CFDCs in the province, we continue to outperform on an annual basis," said Tallman.

Its loan loss rate (loans that aren't paid back and must be written off) is just three per cent, the lowest of all CFDCs, she added.

The HCDC must provide annual projections to FedDev as part of its reporting requirements. This includes the number of loans, amount of leveraged dollars and total number of jobs that will be created and maintained. HCDC provides counselling. Mentoring is also provided to its borrowers.

According to the report, the province's 60 CFDCs have provided a cumulative \$398 million in loans between 2009 and 2014. More than 22,600 person-years of employment were created, with most jobs in service sector industries.

To learn more about HCDC visit [haliburtoncdc.ca](http://haliburtoncdc.ca).



# Highlander arts



Photos submitted by Glenn Springer  
Top: First place: Red Fox in Algonquin Park by Glenn Springer. Middle: Second place: The Old Grist Mill by Diane Stender. Bottom: Third place: Common Merganser by Bill Bunn.

By Jennifer Hughey

## Winning shots

The Haliburton Highlands Camera Club has chosen the winners of their bimonthly member competition. Each competition has two classes: an assigned topic and pictorial. This month's theme was street photography and members could submit any images they wanted. For details on the club, visit [highlandscameraclub.ca](http://highlandscameraclub.ca).

## Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.



### HCPL's TOP FICTION

- 1. *The Forgetting Time* by Sharon Guskin
- 2. *Find Her* by Lisa Gardner
- 3. *A Hard, Cruel Shore* by Dewey Lambdin

### HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

- 1. *Fodor's Montreal & Quebec City* by Fodor's
- 2. *Fine Gardening Easy-To-Grow Vegetables: Greens, Tomatoes, Peppers & More* by Editors of Fine Gardening
- 3. *The 30-Day Sobriety Solution: How to Cut Back or Quit Drinking in the Privacy of Your Own Home* by Jack Canfield and Dave Andrews

### HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

- 1. *Little Butterfly* by Laura Logan (Picture Book)
- 2. *Will To Survive* by Eric Walters (YA)

### AUDIO and VIDEO at HCPL

- 1. *Spectre* (DVD)
- 2. *The Wolves* by Alex Berenson (Book on CD)

### LIBRARY NEWS

Join us at the Minden branch on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. to create birdhouses out of books! Take those dog-eared unloved books and turn them into homes for our fine feathered friends. Also, our Dorset branch will be open 10-3 for the Dorset Snowball Winter Festival. Listen to a drummers circle at 11:30 a.m., and drop in for a scavenger hunt throughout the day until 2 p.m.

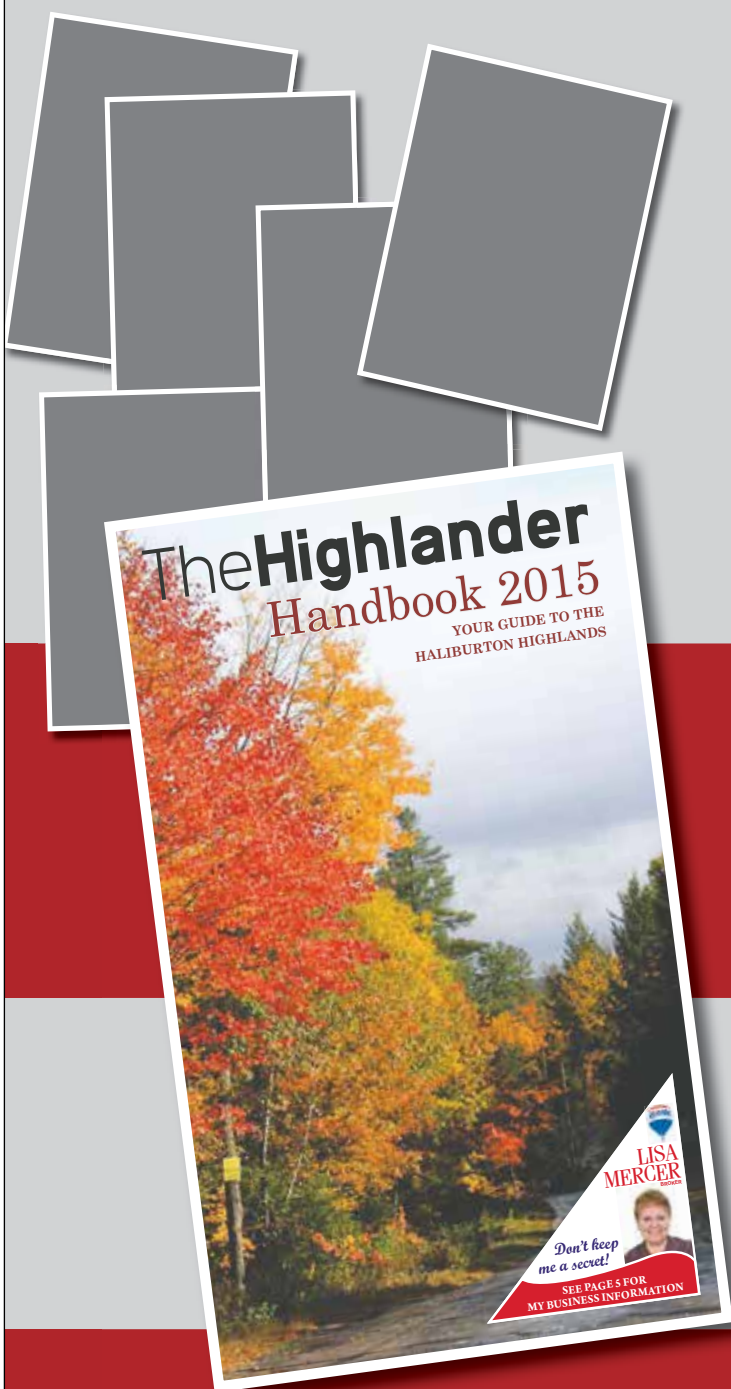


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# Highlander health



Photo by Mark Arike

Kathy Newton is looking forward to the future at Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

## New CFO joins HHHS

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

Financial pressures are making it increasingly difficult to run a hospital in Ontario.

With previous experience in the health care industry, Kathy Newton is well aware of these challenges. But it didn't stop her from taking on the role of director of finance and chief financial officer (CFO) for Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

"It's been like that my entire career in health care," said Newton, who started the job on Jan. 4. "It's always been daunting. Never enough. Too much demand and technology keeps changing."

Cathy Outram left the position in November 2014 to pursue other opportunities, said interim CEO Carolyn Plummer. Cathy Van Leipsig was interim CFO until Newton's arrival.

Newton is a chartered professional accountant, certified general accountant and has her master's certificate in risk management.

For 20 years she served as the director of finance for Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket. Between 2005 and 2014 she was vice-president of corporate services and CFO for Kinark Child and Family Services.

Newton also runs a small business with her

husband, and volunteers as a board member and director with the Kawartha Chamber of Commerce and Tourism.

She was looking for a job that was closer to her home in Ennismore, Peterborough County.

"We're on the lake, we built our dream home there," she said, referring to the home she shares with her husband.

It takes an hour to travel to her office, located at the Haliburton hospital. On days when there's bad weather she spends the night at the Pinestone Resort.

As CFO, she is responsible for managing the health and wellbeing of the organization, and ensuring all funding is utilized.

Her experience in health care and children's mental health will be assets to HHHS and its strategic vision, she said.

"I'm really excited to be part of that rural health integration and the innovation to go with that."

The team at HHHS and the community has been "more than welcoming," she added.

Newton plans on finishing her career at the job, which is a long-term commitment.

"This is it, as long as they'll keep me," she joked.

Newton has three children and six grandchildren. She doesn't have any family in the Highlands, but has several acquaintances.



Photo by Alex Coop

## Cash for Care

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation draw Heather Routledge name during the Cash for Care lottery's \$500 early bird draw.

Pictured above: John Kay (left), board chair, Carolyn Plummer, interim president & CEO, executive Dale Walker and chairman Peter Oyler. The next draw will take place March 17.



# Highlander life

## Devoted volunteer had an eye for the Highlands

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

For months before Frank Thom passed away, his friend Bob Stinson would visit the Haliburton resident every day and ask him about his life.

But Thom offered very little information about himself, even as a cancer patient in palliative care.

"Frank was a very private person," said Stinson. "He would just shut down when I fished for details. He said, 'No one wants to know about me.' Then he'd just close his eyes and go to sleep. He was a very modest guy."

Thom was born in Scarborough to Scottish parents in 1941. He left school in Grade 10 and worked in a credit inspection office and at Regent Park, then a new development, as a cashier. Thom was a night auditor at a hotel and golf club in Bermuda for a few months in the '60's.

Though he honed his golf skills, he became physically exhausted because of inverted days and nights and returned to Toronto to work for a small publishing company. From there he worked in real estate and doing elevator repairs before becoming a corrections officer from 1973-1985 at an institute in Brampton. That work led to Thom becoming more involved as an advocate for better health and safety standards for correctional officers and inmates. He began mentoring a young man who didn't have many options left in life.

In the mid-80's, Thom owned a general store in Kinmount and then operated a gas station, all while taking care of his charge. Despite his guidance, the man died in August 2001. Freshly grieving from that experience, Thom became a dedicated foster parent to Schuyler Mills in Haliburton, and further proved himself to be a patient and supportive dad.

"I would call him a rough diamond," said Fay Martin, who recruited Thom to be a foster

parent in 2001 after extensive interviews. "He was much more than what you saw. Even when you spent a lot of time in his

company, he still continued to surprise you with his depth and humanity."

Thom died of prostate and bone cancer on Feb. 7 – just eight days shy of his 75th birthday. He didn't talk much about himself or his life, but he was well-known throughout the county for his volunteer work and compassion for others.

Comfortable behind a camera, Thom volunteered at charity events like the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament. His love and talent for photography developed into a calendar project in 2012.

"Photography has always been a life long interest," said Thom in his bio on the Ethel Curry Gallery website. "However, after moving up to the Haliburton Highlands, I

decided to take my interest in photography to a higher level. With so much beautiful scenery in the Highlands, it was not a hard decision."

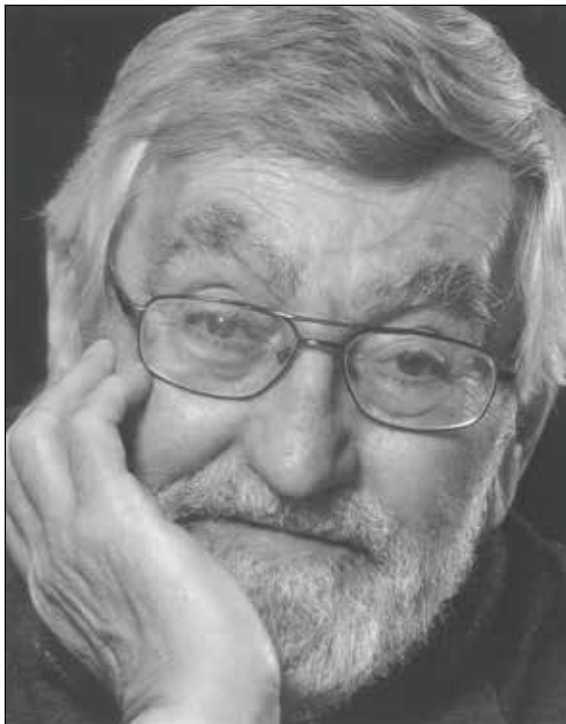


Photo submitted by Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home  
Frank Thom passed away on Feb. 7

*He was much more than what you saw.*

Fay Martin

opportunity to help. "Frank was an unsung hero," said Roxanne Casey, Canoe FM station manager. "He was always quietly helping either someone or some organization. He was a very kind, caring, gentle man who cared about Haliburton

County."

Thom volunteered with Canoe FM for four years, helping to organize radio bingo, selling tickets for fundraisers and proofreading copy.

As a founding member of the Haliburton chapter of CARP, he served as secretary and interim vice-chair.

"He was very quiet to start with," said Stinson, Chapter 54 chair. "At the first meeting, he sat there and said nothing at all. At the next meeting, he came and put up his hand for everything. He just had to go home and digest it all, but he jumped right in with both feet."

At Community Care, Thom contributed as a writer and photographer for newsletters and volunteered as a driver beginning in 2005.

"We couldn't even begin to estimate how many clients Frank has driven to medical appointments over the years, but his understated demeanour and calm nature always had people asking for him as their driver," volunteer resources coordinator, Brigitte Gebauer said in a 2012 speech when Thom received the Community Care Volunteer of the Year award. At that point he had racked up more than 2,600 volunteer hours.

He received the Ontario Volunteer Service Award in 2013.

"It's not what you take from life that is important, it's what you give to life that matters, and there is nothing more important or valuable than your time," he wrote on the Community Care website. "Using that time to benefit others is rewarding, beneficial to others, and the end result is a win-win proposition for all concerned, creating a kinder, healthier society that benefits everyone."

A celebration of life took place on Feb. 13.

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# Highlander sports



Photo by Taylor Walton

Noelle Dupret-Smith, left, looks to finish a leg attack.

## Fourteen Red Hawk wrestlers advance to COSSA

By Alex Coop

With files from Paul Klose

About 110 athletes representing high schools from across the region participated in the 2016 Kawartha Wrestling Championships.

Fourteen of them were Red Hawks, and each earned a ticket to the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics Championships.

The Kawartha tournament was hosted by Cobourg Collegiate Institute on Feb. 9.

Sonya Flatman (54 kg) and Shane O'Reilly (83 kg) led the HHSS wrestling team and

returned home as Kawartha Champions.

The HHSS Women's Wrestling Team also came home as Kawartha champions.

The COSSA Championships were held on Wednesday. As of press time, the final results were unknown.

The Kawartha championship results are:

### HHSS Women's Results

1st Place - Sonya Flatman

2nd Place - Rebecca Hamilton, Emily Klose, Shelby Murdoch, Sonora Plumb

3rd Place - Chloe Samson, Zanna Zondervan

4th Place - Cassidy Glecoff, Taylor Walton

5th Place - Maya Meraw, Noelle Dupret-Smith

### HHSS Men's Results

1st Place - Shane O'Reilly

2nd Place - Jackson Gartshore

3rd Place - AJ Gillam

4th Place - Aidan Coles, Matt Manning

6th Place - Connor Spence

## My road to success

By Nick Emsley

Guest columnist

To travel the road to success, you need to have a destination or goal.

After a solid 2015 race season, ending in several podium finishes, my coach and I planned my 2016 season and long-term goals. I am now trying to hit performance targets to ensure I will be ready for select races.

This year, we will be going to Quebec to race at the Canadian National Championships and at Sir Sam's, here in Haliburton, for the Ontario Championships in August.

My coach has taken my training to a new level, now using scientific methods of increasing performance. My heart, sleep, calories, weight and overall health is monitored 24/7 by my coach. This way, each day's training is customized so I can achieve the most improvement. I also have a nutritionist helping me find which foods help me attain my peak performance and my journey to represent Canada at the World Championships in 2017.

This year I am contracted to race for AWI Racing in Barrie and Lauf Forks located in Iceland. Both AWI and Lauf are amazing to work with, and have given me so many opportunities to improve as an athlete. I am the Ambassador for Lauf Forks in Canada and will be testing Lauf Forks newest designs and working with their research and development department, giving them feedback on the products.

The first race of 2016 will be a 60 km marathon on April 2 in Mansfield, Ont. This is always a tough race but this year I feel I will be well prepared for it.

I am lucky to have a great team and family supporting me. The road to success may be long and difficult but that makes racing fun, exciting and rewarding.

*Nick Emsley is a young, competitive mountain biker living in Haliburton. The Highlander has proudly sponsored Emsley's cycling career for the past three years.*

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# Highlander sports

## Bowling Scores

### Monday afternoon, Feb. 1

**MEN:** High average: Claude Cote – 222 High single: Fred Phipps – 279 High single handicap: Fred Phipps – 323 High triple: Fred Phipps – 684 High triple handicap: Fred Phipps – 728

**WOMEN:** High average: Chris Cote – 180 High single: June Beadle – 198 High single handicap: June Beadle – 273 High triple: Chris Cote – 527 High triple handicap: June Beadle – 639

### Monday evening, Feb. 1

**MEN:** High average: Rick West – 225 High single: Rick West – 249 High single handicap: Rick West – 253 High triple: Rick West – 622 High triple handicap: Rick West – 631

**WOMEN:** High average: Cathy Snell – 235 High single: Nancy Charlton – 270 High single handicap: Nancy Charlton – 312 High triple: Nancy Charlton – 640 High triple handicap: Nancy Charlton – 766

### Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 2

**MEN:** High average: Claude Cote – 227 High single: Claude Cote – 280 High single handicap: Claude Cote – 280 High triple: Claude Cote – 759 High triple handicap: Claude Cote – 759

**WOMEN:** High average: Chris Cote – 176 High single: Rae Shephard – 183 High single handicap: Lydia Comeau – 256 High triple: Chris Cote – 488 High triple handicap: Lydia Comeau – 722

### Wednesday Special Olympics, Jan. 13

**MEN:** Robert Boccitto – 154 Caset Heley – 130 Jason Cochrane – 129 **WOMEN:** Buddy Plouffe – 132 Melinda Nesbitt – 130 Kim Buie – 124

### Thursday afternoon, Feb. 4

**MEN:** High average: Gerry Wagg – 188 High single: John Bell – 271 High single handicap: John Bell – 313 High triple: John Bell – 593 High triple handicap: Ben Dentinger – 769

**WOMEN:** High average: Barb Ballantyne – 182 High single: Lynn Bartlett – 268 High single handicap: Lynn Bartlett – 320 High triple: Lynn Bartlett – 550 High triple handicap: Lynn Bartlett – 706

### Friday afternoon, Feb. 5

**MEN:** High average: Claude Cote – 213 High single: Claude Cote – 261 High single handicap: John Whitty – 257 High triple: Claude Cote – 618 High triple handicap: Jim Griffith – 731

**WOMEN:** High average: Chris Cote – 175 High single: Ren Higgins – 230 High single handicap: Ren Higgins – 275 High triple: Clara Vuksic – 533 High triple handicap: Clara Vuksic – 692



Photos submitted by Mary Hillaby

Above: A team from Haliburton placed first in the "B" Event, sponsored by CIBC and Phyllis Woodcock. From left to right, Erin Ribeiro, Larry Holden, Sheila Campbell, and skip, Don Wetmore. Right: Another Haliburton Curling Club team placed second in the "A" Event, sponsored by Todd's Independent. From left to right, Candy Robinson, Ron Draper, Kim Lewis and skip, Bob Johnston.



## Bonspiel draws almost 100 curlers

By Jennifer Hughey

With files from Mary Hillaby

Twenty-four teams, 96 curlers and five visiting curling clubs came together for the annual Todd's Independent Mixed Bonspiel. Clubs represented were Oshawa, York, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, St.

George, Milton and Haliburton.

Members of the curling teams and spectators enjoyed a weekend of curling thanks to Todd's Independent, Phyllis Woodcock (a lifetime member of the club), CIBC, Minden Subaru and Re/Max North Country Real Inc.

Bonspiel convenor Mary Hillaby and her

team of Bob Johnston, Sue Mason, Wendy Hewson and April Martin recognized the sponsors and local businesses for their generous donations.

Efforts from kitchen helpers and many members of the Day Ladies league, who baked goods and made sandwiches helped contribute to the event's success.

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# Highland Storm



Teachers from ASES pose with the game victors, the Highland Storm.

Photo submitted by Sean McCutcheon



## Teachers take on Storm

**By Mark Arike**  
Staff writer

Teachers from Archie Stouffer Elementary School took a break from the classroom to face off against the Highland Storm in a fun game in support of Catch the Cure on Feb. 13 at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden.

The teams played one 50-minute period. Moose FM personality Rick Lowes introduced the players and all of the action was called by OPP officers Robin Carmount and Joel Imbeau.

The Storm narrowly defeated the teachers 9-7.

For video from the game, visit [thehighlander.ca](http://thehighlander.ca).

Left: A Storm player celebrates a goal against the ASES teachers. Right: The teachers line up near centre ice before the puck drop.

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## TheHighlander 3-Stars of the Week

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### Graeme Armstrong - Novice



The Highland Storm Novice battled with the Huntsville Otters this past weekend, in what were the first two games of the second round of playoffs. Though the Storm ended up losing both those games to the rival Otters, Armstrong was the most valuable player on the ice, recording all four of the Storm goals.

Stats	G	A	GP
	4	0	2

★2

### McLean Rowden - Tyke



The Highland Storm Tyke played two games over the weekend, against the Huntsville Otters and South Muskoka Bears, respectively. Both games came down to the wire, but ultimately the Storm came away from the weekend 0-2. Rowden recorded a pair of goals and will look to get his team back on track this weekend when they square off against the Bears this Sunday in Minden.

Stats	G	A	GP
	2	0	2

★3

### Addison Carr - Novice



The Storm should hold their heads high despite being down two games to the Huntsville Otters in round two of the OMHA playoffs. Carr and his teammates were sure to shut down the potent Otters offence, and did an admirable job of it, with Carr recording a handful of assists in the process. Look for the Storm to bounce back in a big way when they face off against the Otters for game three on Friday in Huntsville.

Stats	G	A	GP
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Juniors: 9 - 10 am  
Intermediates: 10 - 11 am  
Initiation 1: 11 am - 12 pm  
Initiation 2: 12 pm - 1 pm

#### **Wed. Feb. 24 in Haliburton**

Initiation 1: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
Initiation 2: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

#### **Fri. Feb. 26 – NO ICE**

#### **Sat. Feb. 27 in Wilberforce**

Initiation 1: 9 am – 10 am  
Initiation 2: 10 am – 11 am  
Juniors: 11 am – 12 pm  
Intermediates: 12 pm – 1 pm

#### **Wed. March 2 in Haliburton**

Initiation 1: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm  
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# Highland Storm



## Storm reports

### Tykes lose two in a row

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

The Tom Prentice and Sons / RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tyke team travelled to Huntsville on Feb. 13 to face the Otters for the third time this season.

It was end-to-end action for both teams and the Storm were in tight from the opening puck drop. On this day, the Otters were too much for the Storm to handle. The Storm lost 5-4 to Huntsville. Goals

for the Storm were scored by Brechin Johnston, Jace Mills and McLean Rowden.

Coming off their loss the day before, the Tyke team needed to regroup and bounce back to face the South Muskoka Bears on Feb. 14. Jace Mills scored for the Storm within the first minute of the game, but that would be it for the Storm. South Muskoka managed to capitalize on a few opportunities resulting in a 3-1 loss for the Storm. Good goaltending by Chase Winder kept the Storm within reach.

The Tykes are back in action on Feb. 21

when they square off with the Bears in Minden at 2 p.m.

### Tough weekend for Novice

Submitted by Amber Card

It was a tough weekend for the Timber Mart Highland Novice Storm. They started the next round of playoffs verses the Huntsville Otters. Game one was in

Huntsville.

The Novice Storm fought a very good battle against the Huntsville Otters but fell short with a 4-2 loss. Both goals scored by Graeme Armstrong. Game two was in Haliburton and it started off well as the Storm held a one goal lead but unfortunately the Huntsville Otters came back and won 6-2. Both goals scored by Graeme Armstrong.

The Novice team plays Huntsville on Feb. 19 at 6:15 p.m. and Minden on Feb. 20 at 12 p.m.

## Jets reports



Photos submitted by Cindy Nesbitt

Left: A Jets player works to keep the puck. Right: The PeeWee Jets goaltender anticipates the shot.

### Two shutouts for PeeWee Bancroft Jets

Submitted by Cindy Nesbitt

With playdown games in full force, the Leveque Brothers/Rock Breaker Bancroft PeeWee girl Jets headed to Keene to face the Wolverines Feb. 13 for game one of a doubleheader.

Bancroft took advantage early when

Emma Tidey, Elyse Ives, and Hannah McMann all scored in the first period. Continuing hard work into the second period, Emma Neuman and McMann both sniped one past the Keene goaltender after Chloe Billings and Sterling Nesbitt sent precise passes ahead.

The third period gave Charity Trotter and Ryan Rupnow assists when Ava Smith banked the last goal of the game in. Courtney Semach made key saves in the final minutes of the game leading the team to a 7-0 shutout win.

For game two of the day, friends and family headed to Haliburton to see the Jets square off against the Ennismore Eagles. Again, the Leveque Brothers/Rock Breaker PeeWee girls dominated the ice surface and found the back of the net three times within the first 10 minutes.

With the early three goal cushion, the Jets pushed through the second period demonstrating an energetic focus on the playdown drive.

The game ended with a solid team effort, with many players adding to the final tally.

Peyton Armstrong, Beth Brownlee, Elyse Ives, Ava Smith, Ryan Rupnow, Hannah McMann, Emma Tidey, Olivia Villamere, Ryan Rupnow and Sterling Nesbitt all had points, leading to four more goals and another 7-0 victory.

Congratulations team on a great weekend of hockey! The PeeWee girls are back in action on Feb. 20 when they take on the Peterborough Ice Kats in Haliburton at 3 p.m. and again on Feb. 21 in Frankford against the Cold Creek Comets.



## Haliburton Wolves

**February 11**  
7:30 p.m. in Haliburton vs.  
Almaguin Spartans  
**4-1 LOSS**

**February 18 PLAYOFFS**  
7:30 p.m. in Haliburton vs.  
Témiscaming Titans

**February 19 PLAYOFFS**  
8 p.m. in Témiscaming, QC vs.  
Témiscaming Titans

**February 20 PLAYOFFS**  
8 p.m. in Témiscaming, QC vs.  
Témiscaming Titans



# Highlander events



## Catch the Cure beats the cold

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

The coldest weekend of winter didn't stop crowds from heading to Minden and opening their wallets for Angelman Syndrome (AS). The third annual Catch the Cure raised more than \$10,000 through a silent auction, spaghetti dinner and donations at the door. The event was held on Feb. 13 at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

"Before the doors opened, we were worried that people might decide to stay home because of the weather," said co-organizer Sue Tiffin. "Instead, the stream of visitors was really steady the entire time."

Seven people with AS, including Tiffin's three-year-old daughter Harper, were in attendance.

AS is a severe neurological disorder that causes developmental delays, epilepsy, and problems with motor coordination and balance.

While the event was a success, the outdoor activities had to be called off due to the cold. "We had so much indoor stuff that it all worked out," said co-organizer Bethan McCutcheon, adding the township opened the arena four hours ahead of schedule.

McCutcheon lives in Moore Falls and has two sons with AS, Tecwyn and Tathan. They were also enjoying the event.

Over the past three years, Catch the Cure has raised in excess of \$44,000. All proceeds go to the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics.



Photos by Mark Arike

Above: Face painter Jazzlin Carr draws a design on Bethan McCutcheon's cheek. Above left: Ryder Mackenzie, 7, of Windsor, left, and Henry Crowe, 4, of Bobcaygeon look at what they want in the silent auction.



By Mark Arike



## Winterfest returns to Minden

Minden took part in Winterfest festivities on Feb. 14. Activities included a pancake breakfast at the community centre, shinny at the arena, ice car racing at the fairgrounds, public skating and curling at the Minden Curling Club.

Pictured above: Ice car racers make their way around the track, located at the Minden fairgrounds, on Feb. 14 Left: Sylvan Gilbert, race starter and member of the Deutscher Automobile club, waves the green flag.



Photo by Shawn Chamberlin

## A dynamic duo

Canadian Music legends Mitch Lewis, right, and Scott 'Professor Piano' Cushnie hypnotize guests at The Dominion Hotel on Feb. 12.



# Highlander events

By Sue Tiffin

## 4WD nets \$64K for HHHSF

A weekend of guided trail rides, good food, bonfires and friendship produced more than \$4,000 for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF). The 13th annual Northern Lights Charity Trailfest, or Camp NL, was hosted by the Ontario Federation of 4-Wheel Drive Recreationists (OF4WD) in 2015. The three-day event attracted more than 300 riders from around Ontario to the South Wind Motel and Campground in Minden. Since 2001, the OF4WD has donated \$64,649 to fund priority and emergency equipment. Camp NL 2016 will be held from August 12-14. For more information visit OF4WD.com. Pictured right: Representatives from the Ontario Federation of 4WD Recreationists, Just Jeeps, HHHSF and South Wind Motel and Campground met for a cheque presentation on Feb. 15. From left: Peter Wood, Tom Deas, Colin Jardine, Matt Misfud, Branden Jones, Trevor and Charity Dobbs, Peter Oyler, Ray Gervais and Dale Walker.



## INSPECTION

### Bancroft Minden 2011–2021 Forest Management Plan Inspection of Approved Planned Operations for Phase II 2016–2021

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)**, **Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. (BMFCI)** and the **Bancroft Minden Forest Local Citizen Committees (LCC)** are advising you that the Planned Operations for the second five-year term (2016–2021) of the 2011–2021 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the **Bancroft Minden Forest** have been approved by the MNRF Regional Director and are available for inspection.

The MNRF-approved Planned Operations for the second five-year term will be available for inspection for 30 days. During the 30-day inspection period, there is an opportunity to make a written request to the Director, Environmental Assessment Approvals Branch, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change for an individual environmental assessment of specific forest management activities in the Planned Operations for the second five-year term.

The MNRF-approved planned operations for the second five-year term and planned operations summary are available for inspection during normal office hours by appointment for 30 days **February 16, 2016 to March 17, 2016** at the following locations:

- Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. office, 27578 Highway 62 South, contact Peter Nitschke at 613-332-6890.
- MNRF public website at [ontario.ca/forestplans](http://ontario.ca/forestplans).
- The Ontario Government Information Centre in Toronto and ServiceOntario counters in Bancroft and Minden that provide Internet access.

For further information, please contact:

**Linda Touzin**  
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry  
300 Water Street, South Tower, 4th Floor  
Peterborough, ON K9J 8M5  
tel: 705-755-1558

**Peter Nitschke**  
BMFCI  
27578 Highway 62 South  
Bancroft, ON K0L 1C0  
tel: 613-332-6890

**Jane Dumas**  
Bancroft Minden Forest LCC  
tel: 613-637-5261  
e-mail: [aljadumas@gmail.com](mailto:aljadumas@gmail.com)

The approved planned operations will be available for public viewing for the five-year period at the same locations listed above.

This is the third and final opportunity to influence operations for the second five-year term.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is collecting your personal information under the authority of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*. Any personal information you provide (address, name, telephone, etc.) will be protected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Your personal information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Gary Meddick at 705-755-3228.

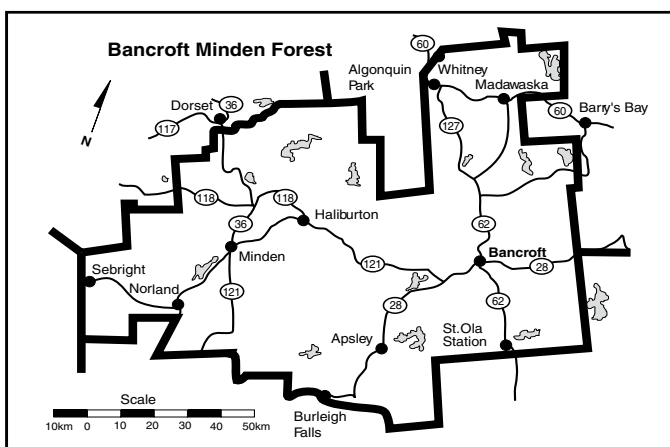


Photo by Mark Arike

Thomas McCay gives a brief overview of why horses are being used to remove beech trees from the forest.

## Old logging technique still used in Haliburton

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

On a bitter cold Sunday morning, Thomas McCay and David Natalis put on a horse logging demonstration near the entrance to Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve.

One family showed up for the demonstration, but only stayed for a few minutes as temperatures hovered around -26 degrees Celsius. About 15 people attended a second performance that afternoon.

McCay and Natalis, both Haliburton Forest staff, coaxed two Percheron horses to move beech trees infected with beech bark disease.

According to McCay, the use of horses is a special component of modern sustainable forest management because they do less damage than machinery. For example, it would be necessary to clear-cut an area to accommodate a vehicle such as a skidder.

The free demo was part of the Natural History Presentation series. The first event was on Feb. 6.

Visit [thehighlander.ca](http://thehighlander.ca) to see the horses in action.



# Highlander classifieds

## THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

### COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

**DATE:** Monday, February 29, 2016  
**TIME:** 9:30 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Municipal Council Chambers 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

to consider minor variance applications **PLMV2016004**, and **PLMV2016005**. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications being considered are listed below:

**PLMV2016004** - Part of Lot 30, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Snowdon, and being PLAN 6 BLK G; LOTS 4 TO 7 E SPRUCE & LOTS; 4 TO 7 W ELM; municipally known as 1012 Elm Road.

**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit the construction of a new dwelling within the required interior side yard setback. The proposed dwelling would be located 10.7m (35') from the north lot line.

**PLMV2016005** - Part of Lot 8 & 9, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, and being PLAN 208; LOTS 5 & 5A RP19R5322 PART 1; municipally known as 1062 Dockside Drive; and located on Davis Lake.

**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit the construction of a new dwelling to replace the existing dwelling which is located 7.3 m. (24') from the High Water Mark. The proposed dwelling would be 80.3 sq.m. (864 sq.ft.) which is 50% (26.76 sq.m. [288 sq.ft.]) larger than the existing dwelling, and 3.2 m. (10'6") higher; the applicant also proposes to construct a new attached covered deck (13 sq.m. [140sq. ft.]) and to raise the existing open deck. The new dwelling and covered deck would not encroach further towards the High Water Mark.

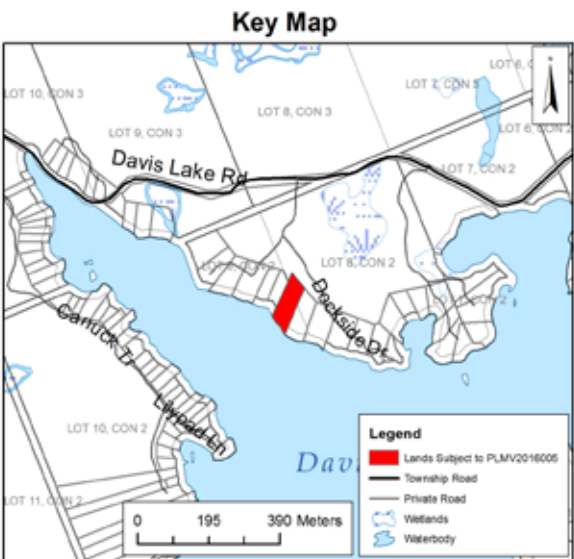
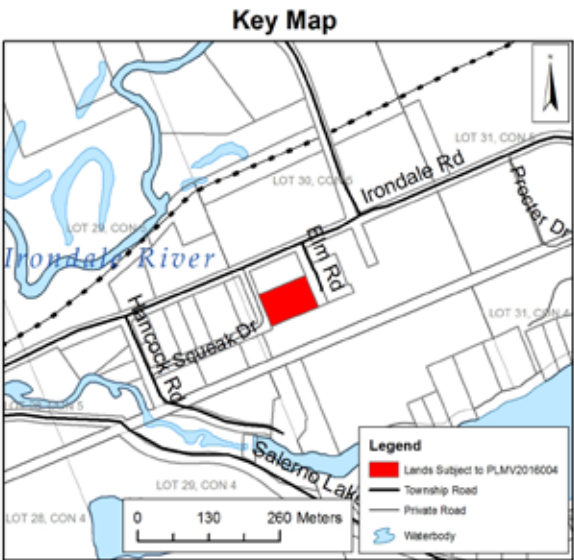
**Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged.** You can provide your input, either in support or opposition to any of the proposed minor variances, by making a written submission to the Township or by speaking at the Public Hearing. If you do not attend the Public Hearing, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in the Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

**To provide** input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail [iclendening@mindenhills.ca](mailto:iclendening@mindenhills.ca). If you do not make a written submission prior to a decision, or make an oral submission at the Public Hearing, and subsequently submit an appeal of the decision, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

**Additional information** regarding the above noted applications is available online at [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca). Copies of the complete application are available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department during normal office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Dated** this 18th day of February, 2016.

Ian Clendening, MPI.  
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment  
P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden ON., K0M 2K0



## THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

### NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION & Public Meeting 8314 Highway 35 Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment (PLZBA2015061)

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law No. 06-10 pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended. The site specific amendment applies to property municipally known as 8314 Highway 35 and located in Part of Lot 28 & 29, Concession 3 in the Geographic Township of Lutterworth (see Key Map below).

**AND TAKE NOTICE** that Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13 as amended, to inform the public of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Amendment.

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The subject property is presently zoned Rural (RU); Rural Exception Six (RU-6); and Recreational Commercial Exception One (C3-1)). The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning to the site specific Recreational Commercial (C3-XX); and Rural (RU-XX) Zones. Recently, provisional consent (File H-001-2015) was granted to sever the subject property. The application for rezoning has been submitted to meet the conditions of the provisional consent and will allow the severed and retained parcels to comply with the Townships Zoning By-law. The effect of the amendment is to recognize the existing uses on each of the severed and retained parcels as well as the reduced Front Yard and High Water Mark setback of the existing dwelling located on the retained parcel.

#### DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING – PLZBA2015061

**Date:** Thursday, March 10, 2016  
**Time:** 9:00 am  
**Location:** Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m or by calling Mr. Ian Clendening at 705-286-1260 (ext.206).

**ANY PERSON** may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Municipal Board.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed amendment, you must submit a written request (with a forwarding address) to the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills.

**DATED** this 18th day of February, 2016

Ian Clendening  
Planner  
7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359  
Minden, ON, K0M 2K0  
Tel. (705) 286-1260 ext. 206





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If you are interested in joining our team, please submit your resume by February 22, 2016 to:

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Haliburton Highlands Health Services  
Box 115, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0  
kbaird@hhhs.on.ca  
Fax: 705-457-2398  
www.hhhs.ca

Haliburton Highlands Health Services thanks all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. If you are contacted by HHHS regarding a job opportunity or testing, please advise if you require accommodation. Information received relating to accommodation needs of applicants will be addressed confidentially.

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EVENTS

**HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS** Stroke Support Group meets the third Thursday of each month at the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest, Minden 10:00am-noon. (TFN)

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** open to anyone who has been diagnosed with or survived cancer. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton Hospital from 1:00–3:00pm. Please contact Lynn Higgs Thompson 705-457-2941 for more information.

**PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP** Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month. 1:30-3:30 pm. Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team education room.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** - we care Meetings: Thursdays 12:00–1:00 pm, Sundays 10:30–11:30am. St. Anthony's 27 Victoria Street, Haliburton. All welcome. 705-324-9900.

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**VON SMART** exercise program for balance, strength and flexibility. Minden on Tuesdays at 11:00am in the Hyland Crest auditorium and in Haliburton on Thursdays at 1:00pm at Echo Hills. For more info contact Judy Webb at 705-457-5098 or Carol Browne at 705-457-4551 (TFN)

**HALIBURTON HOSPITAL AUXILARY** meeting February 4, 1:00pm. Ruth Parkes room Haliburton Hospital Lower floor. We will be discussing 'next steps' for 2016. Fundraising activities, membership drive. For more info contact Tracey Lear tldlear@sympatico.ca

**HIGHLANDS FESTIVAL SINGERS** – rehearsals have begun – Call Beth 705-457-4916 – New members are always welcome.

Volunteer Income tax program: Haliburton Legion Friday Feb 26 9:00am – 12:00pm each Friday to April 22. Wilberforce Legion. Wednesday February 24 2:00pm – 3:30pm each Wednesday to April 27.

**HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY**  
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ACROSS

- 1. Distant
- 5. Shade trees
- 9. Map book
- 14. Daft
- 15. Ark patriarch
- 16. Huge person
- 17. Subway gate, e.g.
- 19. Hair coloring
- 20. Crude mineral
- 21. Coin factory
- 22. Team pet
- 23. Mister
- 24. Time periods
- 26. Sight organ
- 27. Squeal
- 30. Christmas visitor
- 32. Love (Ital.)
- 33. Harness strap
- 34. Store
- 38. Submerge

- 40. Japanese warrior
- 42. Misplace
- 43. Back of the neck
- 45. Straighten
- 46. Oyster's treasure
- 48. Discomfort
- 49. Fall mo.
- 52. \_\_\_\_ Marie Presley
- 53. Cherry stone
- 54. In the sky
- 56. Juan's house
- 58. Compass pt.
- 61. Slope
- 62. Devoted
- 64. Upper crust
- 65. Asleep
- 66. Actress \_\_\_\_ Moore
- 67. Performs alone
- 68. Sniffer
- 69. Leave out

DOWN

- 1. Choir singer
- 2. Quartet count
- 3. Farm unit
- 4. \_\_\_\_ Howard of "Happy Days"
- 5. Complete
- 6. Cut of beef
- 7. Small dog breed
- 8. That woman
- 9. Shocked
- 10. Neckwear items
- 11. Jousting weapon
- 12. Pester
- 13. Declare
- 18. Happy one
- 22. Heavenly dish
- 23. Actress Meryl \_\_\_\_
- 25. Elevate
- 27. Peacock's pride
- 28. Munitions, for short
- 29. Cruise and Hanks
- 31. Talisman
- 33. Raises children
- 35. Opera highlight
- 36. Tatters
- 37. Fork feature
- 39. Slow mover
- 41. Lunatic
- 44. Fake medication
- 47. Delights
- 48. \_\_\_\_ down (turned over)
- 49. Desert springs
- 50. Viola's kin
- 51. Hiking path
- 55. Interested by
- 57. Summer coolers
- 58. Flower stalk
- 59. Teamster's rig
- 60. Revise text
- 62. Actor \_\_\_\_ Aykroyd
- 63. Bustle



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## FEBRUARY 2016 EVENTS

THURSDAY 18	<b>TAOIST TAI CHI</b> – Haliburton United Church – 10:00am – 12:00pm - Call 705-457-5829 <b>SQUASH HOUSE LEAGUE</b> - 7:30pm Highlands Squash Club – beside A.J. LaRue Arena – all welcome <a href="mailto:info@mysquash.ca">info@mysquash.ca</a>
FRIDAY 19	<b>FOOT CARE CLINIC</b> Bobcaygeon Seniors Centre 100 Head St. - Every FRIDAY of the month - by Appointment only call: 705-879-4100 <b>DORSET FAMILY SKATING PARTY</b> – 6:00pm – 9:00pm – Dorset Ice Palace
SATURDAY 20	<b>DORSET SNOWBALL WINTER CARNIVAL</b> – Starts at 8:00am – Dorset Rec Centre
SUNDAY 21	<b>FREE PUBLIC SKATING</b> – Keith Tallman Arena – 12:30pm – 2:00pm <b>VISIBLE VOICES OPEN ARTS STUDIO</b> - Stained Glass Creative Interlude - 1:00pm - 3:30pm. - \$20 or pay what you can. Pre-registration required. Contact Nel at 705-457-3068
MONDAY 22	<b>TAI CHI</b> – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:30am – 12:00pm <b>TAOIST TAI CHI</b> – Galway Community Centre Kinmount – 10:00am – 12:00pm - Call 705-457-5829 <b>PICKLE BALL</b> – Dorset Rec Centre – 6:45pm – 8:45pm
TUESDAY 23	<b>TAOIST TAI CHI</b> – Zion United Church Carnarvon – 10:00am – 12:00pm Call 705-457-5829 <b>SQUASH HOUSE LEAGUE</b> - 7:30pm Highlands Squash Club – beside A.J. LaRue Arena – all welcome <a href="mailto:info@mysquash.ca">info@mysquash.ca</a> <b>PICKLE BALL</b> – Dorset Rec Centre – 9:00am – 12:00pm <b>LIBRARY</b> – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00am – 12:00pm
WEDNESDAY 24	<b>TAOIST TAI CHI</b> – Lloyd Watson Centre Wilberforce – 2:00pm – 4:00pm Call 705-457-5829 <b>LIBRARY</b> – Dorset Rec Centre – 2:00pm – 6:00pm
THURSDAY 25	<b>HALIBURTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b> – Haliburton Museum – 1:30pm – Speaker: Chris Lynd on the arts <b>TAOIST TAI CHI</b> – Haliburton United Church – 10:00am – 12:00pm - Call 705-457-5829 <b>SQUASH HOUSE LEAGUE</b> - 7:30pm Highlands Squash Club – beside A.J. LaRue Arena – all welcome <a href="mailto:info@mysquash.ca">info@mysquash.ca</a>
FRIDAY 26	<b>PICKLE BALL</b> – Dorset Rec Centre – 9:00am – 12:00pm
SATURDAY 27	<b>COBOCONK LEGION</b> - Loonie Auction in support of Fresh Water Summit 6:30pm - \$5.00 incl's light lunch. Cash Bar.

## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

### HALIBURTON BRANCH

General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m.  
Meat draw, Fridays, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/ draw, five draws/five prizes, Chester Howse, MC  
Cribbage, Friday, 1 p.m.  
Friday fun darts, 4:30 p.m.  
50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m.  
Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30 a.m.- 1 p.m., \$6/person. Occasional volunteers needed.  
Bridge, Monday 1 p.m.  
Dart Night League, Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m.  
Bingo, Wednesday, doors 6 p.m., \$500 jackpot, \$1,000 jackpot last Wednesday of the month  
Live entertainment Feb. 20, 4-7 p.m.,

Haliburton County's own Scotty Gartshore at the Haliburton Legion Club Room.  
Lasagne prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary for only \$6. Add a loonie and get in on the 50/50 draw at 6 p.m. \$5 cover for non-members.

### MINDEN BRANCH

Ladies Darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m.  
Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m.  
Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 12-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.  
Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m.  
Big Euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, \$12  
Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-5p.m.  
Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.  
Liver lover's special, Tuesday 12-2 p.m. (full menu also)

Meat Draws, Wednesday lunch time.  
Thursday take-out meals, pick-up after 6 p.m. Call between 2-6 p.m. for menu and to place your order.

### WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Pool, 1:30 p.m., Friday  
Jam session, 7:30 p.m., Friday  
Meat Draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Early Bird 3 p.m. sharp  
Bid Euchre, Monday, 7 p.m.  
Fun Darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Ken McFarlane Memorial Lake Trout Ice Fish Derby, Saturday, Feb. 28 - \$15/ person, one fish per entry, weigh in from 3-6 p.m. – Recipients must be present to win cash prizes. For further information, call the branch at 705-448-2221 or Garry Langford at 705-448-1448.

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# What's on



File photo

A skateboarder pulls off a trick at the skate park.

## Battle of the Bands in quest for new skate park

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

Winter weather may not bring skateboarding to mind, but a Battle of the Bands event shows local kids are working hard year-round for an improved recreation space.

The Haliburton Junction Skate Park Committee is hosting the Feb. 19 event, which takes place at the A.J. LaRue community centre in Haliburton. Funds raised will help upgrade the existing skate park off of Maple Avenue.

"We are here, and we are serious and we are trying to fundraise," said Andrea

Mueller, Dysart recreation coordinator.

Mueller is part of a committee that has been fundraising for the improved skate park for the past few months and has so far collected more than \$20,000. The estimated cost to renovate the space was initially up to \$100,000, but Mueller said the final bill might be closer to \$120,000. The committee would like the renovation project to begin this spring.

Kids who use the park have submitted their ideas for what they'd like to see in the space, and Mueller said two of those suggestions might be on display at the Battle of the Bands event.

So far, six musical acts spanning a variety of genres are confirmed for the all-ages fundraiser, including singer Cassidy Glecoff and local rapper Whippz. Mueller said some acts have expressed worry about performing, but needn't be nervous for what will be a friendly competition.

"It's all for a good cause and it's supposed to be fun," she said. Moose FM announcer Brett Walker has volunteered to host the event. Entertainment including skits and wrestling matches will be held during breaks between performers. An open stage is planned for the end of the event for anyone interested in taking part.

"Some of the people performing are combining efforts if their entire band isn't available," said Mueller. "If your whole group isn't available, just get up there and play."

Pizza and pop will be available at the event, which runs from 6:30 p.m. until about 11 p.m. Individual tickets are \$10 and \$25 for families. They are available at the door, or in advance at the Dysart municipal office and The Source on Highland St. in Haliburton.

For more information, contact Mueller at 705-457-1740 or visit the town's events page at [Dysart.ca](http://Dysart.ca).



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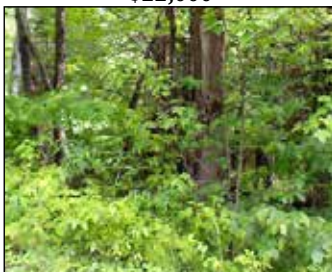
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